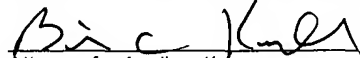


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For: APPARATUS METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ) Unit:  
ALTERNATE CONTROL OF A RAID ARRAY )

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**APPLICATION NO. JP 8171462**

#### **Abstract:**

Problem to be Solved: To succeed a service between servers in a short time, without hindering existent services.

Solution: In the fail over managing system provided with a server A, a server B and a service disk D inside a RAID 1 physically connected to these servers A and B, the server B is provided with a script file 55 previously storing link information concerning stringing between a physical address showing a physical connection relation with the service disk D and a logical address, showing a logical connection relation with the service disk D and a link processing part 53 for spreading a link with the service disk D on the basis of that link information. When the server B is to succeed a service (a) of the server A, by setting the logical address according to the previously stored link information, it is not necessary to perform heavy processing, such as scanning a device.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A4	Fail-Over Method For Fast-Write SCSI Adapter, IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Pages 161-162.

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